

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to the amendment filed on Dec. 09, 2009.

Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-29, 31-33 and 35-37 are pending for examination. Claims 1-7, 12-18, 23-29, 35-37 have been amended. Claims 8, 19, 30 and 34 have been canceled.

Telephone Interview

Telephone interviews have been conducted between applicant's representative (Steven J. Laureanti) and the examiner (Susan Chen) on 02/10/2010 and 02/11/2010. During the interviews the examiner indicated that the use of phrases such as "ontologies" and "is associated comprises" in the claims have semantic issues, however, applicant's representative insisted that he would like to keep the claims as it was filed on 12/09/2009 and requested the amendment to be entered without changes. As such, Applicant representative is regarded by the Office for responsible of any semantic problem it might be raised.

In response to the amendment filed on Dec. 09, 2009, the examiner hereby withdrew the "examiner amendment" on record and gave the supplement allowance listed as following.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on November 19, 2009 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 7,412,404 and 7,555,447 has been reviewed and is accepted and approved. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-29, 31-33 and 35-37 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 12, 23 and 35-36 are allowable because the prior art on record or that encountered in searching for the invention, fails to disclose or suggest the features of instant invention – “a categorizing product schema accessing processing that uses the claimed global content directory server to categorizing product data for determining a hierarchy of classes associated with the claimed global unique identifier over statistical correlation techniques which identify portions of the target data including values that correspond to values for a product attribute in the ontology tree of these one or more classes of the claimed first schema” in a combination as claimed by applicant.

Claims 2-7, 9-18, 20-29 and 31-33, depend on claims 1, 12 and 23 respectively, hence, are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUSAN Y. CHEN whose telephone number is (571)272-4016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mofiz Apu can be reached on 571-272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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